

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0018], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0018] As shown in FIGURES 2 through 6, hose 18 is attached to female coupler 14 with a ferrule assembly 36. An outer ferrule 38 is located on the outside surface of hose 18 proximate a first end of hose 18. An inner ferrule 40 is located on the inside of hose 18 and includes a bearing portion 42 that extends upward through opening ~~[[43]]~~ 44 located in the base of cavity 26 and is folded and/or crimped over ridge 30. Bearing portion 42 is folded over ridge 30 in such a manner to allow inner ferrule 40 to swivel within female coupler 14 about ridge 30. A transition portion 43 may be folded onto itself and over a top portion of outer ferrule 38 to enhance the seal between the hose 18 and the inner region or surface 32 of housing 20.

Please replace paragraph number [0021] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0021] As shown in FIGURES 2, 3 and 4, male coupler 12 has a body portion or housing 44 having the same oval shaped cone as the housing 20 of female coupler 14. The exterior surface 46 of housing 44 has a first end 48 and a second open end 50. Extending from first end 48 is an external threaded portion 52 that is threadably received within the internal threads 28 of female coupler 14. The first end ~~[[46]]~~ 48 includes an inwardly extending ridge or top surface 54 that extends from the sides of housing 44. A free end of hose ~~[[18]]~~ 16 is secured within housing 44 proximate top surface 54 with an outer and inner ferrule portion 56, 58.

Please replace paragraph number [0024] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0024] Turning now to the assembly of the male coupler 12, hose 16 is preferably secured to male coupler 12 with a ferrule assembly 60. As noted above, the outer ferrule 56 has undulations, and the inner ferrule 58 initially does not have undulations, however when the inner ferrule 58 is expanded within the interior of the hose the inner ferrule 58 forms undulations that are similar to the undulations of the outer ferrule ~~[[60]]~~ 56. Inner ferrule 58 is shown with undulations in FIGURE 4 while in FIGURES 2 and 3 the inner ferrule 58 is shown prior to being expanded. Similarly, inner ferrule 40 is also shown prior to being expanded. Unlike~~[[,]]~~ hose 18 and ferrule assembly 36 that swivels within female coupler 14, hose 16 and ferrule assembly 60 does not swivel with respect to male coupler 12. The outer ferrule 56 is first press fit into the cavity of housing 44. As noted above, the cross sectional area of the housing cavity proximate first end 48 is less than the cross sectional area of the cavity of housing cavity 44 proximate second end 50. Outer ferrule 56 is press fit into the cavity of housing 44 proximate first end 48 adjacent ledge 62. A free end of hose 16 is then placed in the cavity of housing 44 such that the free end of hose 16 is adjacent outer ferrule 56. An inner ferrule 58 is then placed within the inner portion of hose 16 through the top opening in neck 68. The inner portion is then pressed outward as is known in the art to form undulations that positively capture the hose. The outer ferrule 56 protects the plastic housing 44 from breaking as the inner ferrule is pressed into hose 16. The ferrule assembly may be further secured to housing 44 by sonically welding the ferrules to housing 44. The outer ferrule 56 may be sonically welded to the housing prior to the hose 16 being inserted into housing 44. According to alternative embodiments, any suitable method of attachment of hoses 16 and 18 may be utilized. According to an exemplary embodiment, female coupler 14 and male coupler 12 may be coupled to a single hose by coupling the male coupler 12 and the female coupler 14 to opposite ends of the hose. This configuration enables multiple hoses to be coupled to one another in series.

Please replace paragraph number [0026] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0026] The male and female couplers 12, 14 are attached to one another by securely holding housing 44 of the male coupler 12 and rotating the female coupler onto the threads 52 of the male coupler 12. Since the housing of the female coupler can rotate relative to hose 18, the hoses do not kink or twist. A gasket or washer seal 64 is located on ledge 30 and provides a sealing surface between a top edge 66 of neck portion 68 of male coupler 12 and ledge 30 of female coupler 14. By design, the top edges ~~[[68]]~~ 55, 54 of the female and male coupler do not contact before the top edge 66 forms a sufficient seal with seal 64.

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